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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: James J. Mezey, Sr.

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THERMALLY PROCESSING WAFERS

GAU: 2812

Examiner: Mr. Christopher W. LATTIN

### AMENDMENT B

September 3, 2003

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Office Action dated 16 April 2003 indicates claims 1-20 are pending, of which claims 1-20 are rejected.

The following remarks are presented so as to provide justification for withdrawing the rejections listed in the Office Action. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested in light of the remarks which follow.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on September 3, 2003.

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